

### **§ 109-1.5108-3**

considered as a guideline only. Sensitive items which are also equipment will be controlled as both sensitive items and equipment.

#### **§ 109-1.5108-3 Stores inventories.**

Perpetual inventory records are to be maintained for stores inventory items.

#### **§ 109-1.5108-4 Precious metals.**

Perpetual inventory records are to be maintained for precious metals.

#### **§ 109-1.5108-5 Administratively controlled items.**

No formal property management records are required to be maintained for this category of personal property, which includes such items as those controlled for calibration or maintenance purposes, contaminated property, tool crib items, and equipment pool items. Various control records can be employed to help safeguard this property against waste and abuse, including purchase vs. use information, tool crib check-outs, loss and theft reports, calibration records, disposal records, and other similar records. Control techniques would include physical security, custodial responsibility, identification/marketing, or other locally established control techniques.

#### **§ 109-1.5109 Control of sensitive items.**

(a) A list of types of personal property considered to be sensitive shall be developed and maintained by each DOE activity/site, taking into consideration value, costs of administration, need for control, and other factors that management determines should apply.

(b) Items of equipment which are also designated as sensitive items will be controlled as sensitive items and as equipment.

(c) Written procedures shall be established for control of sensitive items and shall address:

(1) Approval of purchase requisitions or issue documents at an appropriate supervisory level;

(2) Establishment of controls in the central receiving and warehousing department, such as extraordinary physical protection, handling, and maintenance of a current listing of sensitive items;

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(3) Establishment and maintenance of appropriate records;

(4) Requirement for tagging and identification;

(5) Use of memorandum receipts or custody documents at time of assignment or change in custody;

(6) Establishment of custodial responsibilities describing:

(i) Need for extraordinary physical protection;

(ii) Requirement for efficient physical and administrative control of sensitive items assigned for general use within an organizational unit as appropriate to the type of property and the circumstances;

(iii) Requirement for prompt reporting and investigation of loss, damage or destruction; and

(iv) Requirement for promptly reporting changes in custody.

(7) Requirement for periodic physical inventories (see §109-1.5110 of this part).

(8) Requirement for an employee transfer or termination check-out procedure and examination and adjustment of records;

(9) Reminder of prohibition of use for other than official purposes and penalties for misuse;

(10) A clear statement of the extent of responsibility for financial accountability depending upon contractor policy; and

(11) Other procedures which have demonstrated efficient physical and administrative control over sensitive items.

#### **§ 109-1.5110 Physical inventories of personal property.**

(a) Physical inventories of those categories of personal property as specified in paragraph (f) of this section shall be conducted at all DOE and designated contractor locations.

(b) Physical inventories shall be performed by the use of personnel other than custodians of the property. Where staffing restraints or other considerations apply, the inventory may be performed by the custodian with verification by a second party.

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(c) Detailed procedures for the taking of physical inventories shall be developed for each DOE office and designated contractor. The OPMO shall review and approve the DOE office and contractor procedures.

(d) The conduct of a physical inventory will be observed, or follow-on audits made, by independent representatives, e.g., finance, audit, or property personnel, to the extent deemed necessary to assure that approved procedures are being followed and results are accurate. These observations or audits shall be documented and the documentation retained in the inventory record file.

(e) Procedures that are limited to a check-off of a listing of recorded property without actual verification of the location and existence of such property do not meet the requirements of a physical inventory.

(f) The frequency of physical inventories of personal property shall be as follows:

(1) Equipment—biennial.

(2) Sensitive items—annual (see paragraph 109-1.5110(1) of this section).

(3) Stores inventories—annual.

(4) Precious metals—annual.

(5) Administratively controlled items—There is no formal Department requirement for the performance of physical inventories of this property. However, OPMOs should determine such requirements based on management needs.

(g) Physical inventories shall be performed at intervals more frequently than required when experience at any given location or with any given item or items indicates that this action is necessary for effective property accounting, utilization, or control.

(h) Physical inventories of equipment may be conducted by the “inventory by exception” method. The system and procedures for taking physical inventories by this method must be fully documented and approved in writing by the OPMO.

(i) The results of physical inventories shall be reconciled with the property records, and with applicable financial control accounts.

(j) The results of physical inventories shall be reported to the OPMO within

30 days after the reconciliation required above.

(k) Physical inventories of equipment and stores inventories may be conducted using statistical sampling methods in lieu of the normal wall-to-wall method. The sampling methods employed must be statistically valid and approved in writing by the OPMO. If use of the statistical methods of physical inventory does not produce acceptable results, the wall-to-wall method shall be used to complete the inventories.

(l) Physical inventories of sensitive items (excluding arms, ammunition, and military property) having an acquisition cost of \$2,000 or less may also be conducted using statistical sampling methods. However if statistical sampling methods are used, a wall-to-wall inventory is required no less frequently than every three years and at contract completion (unless there is a follow-on contract with the same contractor).

### § 109-1.5111 Retirement of property.

When Government property is worn out, lost, stolen, destroyed, abandoned, or damaged beyond economical repair, it shall be listed on a retirement work order. A full explanation shall be supported by an investigation, if necessary, as to the date and circumstances surrounding the wear, loss, theft, destruction, abandonment, or damage. The retirement work order shall be signed by the responsible official initiating the report and reviewed and approved by an official at least one supervisory level above the official initiating the report.

### § 109-1.5112 Loss, damage, or destruction of personal property in possession of DOE direct operations.

DOE offices shall establish procedures to provide for the reporting, documentation, and investigation of instances of loss, damage, or destruction of personal property including:

(a) Notification to appropriate DOE organizations and law enforcement offices;

(b) Determination of cause or origin;

(c) Liability and responsibility for repair or replacement; and